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Sir (John) Nicholas HENDERSON

UNITED KINGDOM

Ambassador to the United States (since July 1979)

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Addressed as:
Mr. Ambassador or
Sir Nicholas



Sir Nicholas Henderson, who had retired from the diplomatic service on reaching his 60th birthday in April 1979, was recalled by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to become Ambassador to the United States. She had been impressed by his "valedictory" message in early 1979, in which he urged Britain to build stronger ties to Europe, to abandon its complacency, and to revive its economy; he concluded that Britain seemed to have lost its national will to succeed. He stressed that a stronger British-European partnership would not affect Britain's special relationship with Washington. Henderson [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was pleased to return to Washington, where he had served as second secretary during 1947-49. [REDACTED]

A member of the diplomatic service since the early 1940s, Henderson has served in Cairo, Athens, Vienna, Santiago and Madrid; he has been Ambassador in Warsaw, Bonn and Paris. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he has reached England's most senior diplomatic position without receiving any key assignments in London. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he has staged British fashion shows and has promoted British garden tools at lawn parties. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sir Nicholas, known as "Nicky," is married to the former Mary Barber, daughter of a Greek doctor who once practiced in London. Lady Henderson is a gourmet cook who has published several cookbooks. The Hendersons have a daughter. [REDACTED]

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